

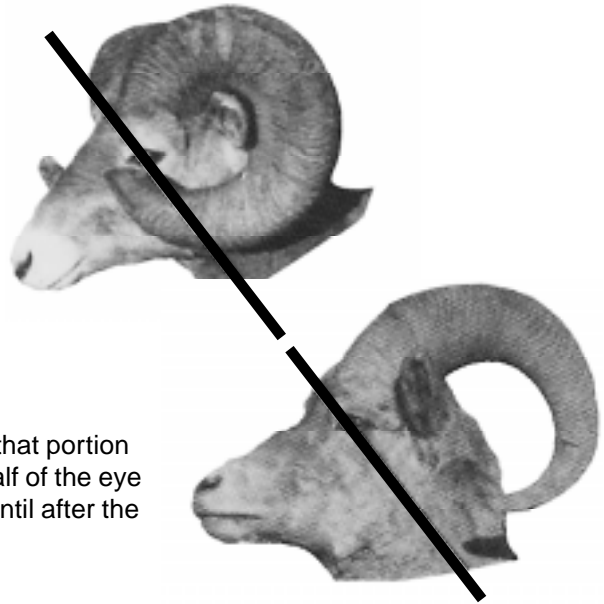


## 2003 & 2004 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING SEASONS

- Only bighorn sheep rams having 3/4-curl or greater horns or exceeding four years of age may be taken in any hunt open for rams only.

Determination of a 3/4 curl shall be made from a side view of the head. A ram shall be considered 3/4 curl if an imaginary straight line extending downward from the front of the base of the horn through the center of the eye socket intersects any portion of the horn.

Any hunter taking a bighorn ram must leave that portion of the skull plate containing the upper one-half of the eye socket naturally attached to both the horns until after the horns have been pinned by IDFG.



### MANDATORY CHECK AND REPORT REQUIREMENTS

Any hunter killing a bighorn sheep ram must present the horns to an IDFG regional office within 10 days of the date of the kill. *The IDFG headquarters office is not equipped to check in "mandatory check" species. In the Boise area, these animals can be checked at IDFG's volunteer office at 109 W. 44th St. in Garden City, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.*

**Successful hunters must complete a big game mortality report, available at IDFG regional offices, within 10 days of the date of the kill.**

A hunter may authorize another person to comply with the above report requirements if that person complies with those requirements and possesses the necessary information to accurately complete the form.

**Unsuccessful permittees must present or mail their unused tags to an IDFG office within 10 days after the close of the season for which the tag was valid. Cancelled tags will be returned to the hunter upon request. Failure to report may result in future ineligibility in bighorn sheep drawings.**

### MANDATORY TRAINING

Anyone drawing a sheep permit must view a short bighorn sheep video at an IDFG office before hunting bighorn sheep. Attendees will be issued a certificate of completion that must be carried by the permittee during the hunt.

The video is available at IDFG offices between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Any hunter who will be with an Idaho licensed outfitter or guide at all times while hunting sheep may choose to have the outfitter or guide attend in the hunter's place. This option may be accomplished by notifying IDFG, in writing, the name, address, and phone number of the designated outfitter or guide. Notification must be sent to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, c/o Sheep School, P.O. Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707 and must be received by IDFG prior to attendance by the designated outfitter or guide.

**2003 & 2004 BIGHORN SHEEP CONTROLLED HUNTS - RAMS ONLY**

ALL 5000 SERIES HUNTS ARE FOR ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORNS;

ALL 7000 SERIES HUNTS ARE FOR CALIFORNIA BIGHORNS.

74 TOTAL PERMITS INCLUDING SPECIAL LOTTERY AND AUCTION TAG

**Rocky Mountain Bighorn Rams: North of Interstate Highway 84 - 57 Permits**

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Controlled Hunt Area	Permits	Notes
5001	Aug 30 - Oct 13	11	1	Boundary change.
5002	Aug 30 - Oct 13	19*	6	
5003	Aug 30 - Oct 13	20-1*	2	
5004	Aug 30 - Oct 13	20-2	2	
5005	Aug 30 - Oct 13	20A	2	
5006	Aug 30 - Oct 13	21	3	
5007	Aug 30 - Oct 13	26*	2	
5008	Aug 30 - Oct 13	27-1	12	
5009	Aug 30 - Oct 13	27-2	6	
5010	Aug 30 - Oct 13	27-3*	2	
5011	Aug 30 - Oct 13	27-4*	3	
5012	Aug 30 - Oct 13	28-1	2	Boundary change.
5013	Aug 30 - Oct 13	28-2	2	Boundary change.
5014	Aug 30 - Oct 13	30*	2	
5015	Aug 30 - Oct 13	36B*	4	
5016	Aug 30 - Oct 13	37*	2	
5017	Oct 13 - Oct 31	26L	2	
5018	Oct 13 - Oct 31	27L*	2	

**California Bighorn Rams: South of Interstate Highway 84 - 15 Permits**

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Controlled Hunt Area	Permits	Notes
7001	Aug 30 - Oct 8	41*	3	Boundary change.
7002	Aug 30 - Sep 14	42-1*	5	
7003	Sep 22 - Oct 8	42-2*	5	
7004	Aug 30 - Oct 8	46*	2	

*\*See controlled hunt area descriptions. This unit includes other units or parts of other units.*

## HUNT AREA DESCRIPTIONS

**Hunt Area 11** — That portion of Unit 11 that drains into the Snake River downstream from the mouth of the Salmon River to, but excluding, the Tenmile Creek Canyon drainage.

**Hunt Area 19**—Those portions of Units 14, 19 and 20 from the Red River Ranger Station-White Water Ranch Road (Forest Service Road 421) downstream to and including the Wind River drainage.

**Hunt Area 20-1**—That portion of Unit 20 upstream from Sabe Creek, that portion of Unit 21 downstream from the Horse Creek Trail (Forest Service Trail 159) and Reynolds Creek Trail (Forest Service Trail 067) and that portion of Unit 17 upstream from the Witter Ridge Trail (Forest Service Trail 75) and the Thompson Flat-Wood Hump-Surprise Creek Trail (Forest Service Trail 031).

**Hunt Area 20-2**—That portion of Unit 20 downstream from the Nez Perce-Bitterroot Forest boundary along Sabe Creek to the Red River Ranger Station-White Water Ranch Road.

**Hunt Area 20A**—Those portions of Unit 20A upstream from and including the Butts Creek drainage to the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, and within the Middle Fork of the Salmon River drainage upstream to Papoose Creek-Papoose Lake-Coyote Springs.

**Hunt Area 21**—That portion of Unit 21 downstream from the Spring Creek Road (Forest Service Road 038) to the Horse Creek Trail (Forest Service Trail 159) and Reynolds Creek Trail (Forest Service Trail 067).

**Hunt Area 26**—All of Unit 26 and that portion of Unit 20A within the Middle Fork of the Salmon River drainage upstream from Papoose Creek-Papoose Lake-Coyote Springs and that portion of Unit 27 on the west side of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River from Big Creek upstream to and including the Brush Creek drainage.

**Hunt Area 26-L**—All of Unit 26.

**Hunt Area 27-1**—That portion of Unit 27 west of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River upstream from, but excluding, the Brush Creek drainage to and including the Indian Creek drainage.

**Hunt Area 27-2**—That portion of Unit 27 east of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River upstream from its mouth to the Waterfall Creek Trail (Forest Service Trail 045).

**Hunt Area 27-3**—That portion of Unit 27 east of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River upstream from the Waterfall Creek Trail (Forest Service Trail 045) to and including the Camas Creek drainage on the north side of Camas Creek, and that

portion of Unit 28 within the Camas Creek drainage north of Camas Creek and west of the Silver Creek-Meyers Cove Road (Forest Service Road 108).

**Hunt Area 27-4**—That portion of Unit 27 within the Loon Creek drainage; that portion of Unit 27 east of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, south of Camas Creek, and northwest of Fly Creek Trail (Forest Service Trail 124); that portion of Unit 36 within the Yankee Fork drainage.

**Hunt Area 27-L**—That portion of Unit 20A within the Middle Fork of the Salmon River drainage, and that portion of Unit 27 on the west side of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River downstream from but excluding the Pistol Creek drainage and the east side of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River downstream from but excluding the Camas Creek drainage.

**Hunt Area 28-1**—That portion of Unit 28 west of Panther Creek downstream from and including Big Deer Creek drainage.

**Hunt Area 28-2** — That portion of Unit 28 east of Panther Creek, and north of the Hat Creek drainage.

**Hunt Area 30** — All of Units 30 and 30A.

**Hunt Area 36B**—All of Unit 36B; that portion of Unit 28 south of and including the Hat Creek drainage; that portion of Unit 28 west of the Panther Creek Road and south of the Silver Creek- Meyers Cove Road; and that portion of Unit 27 southeast of Fly Creek Trail (Forest Service Trail 124) and northeast of the Sleeping Deer Road (Forest Service Road 086).

**Hunt Area 37**—All of Unit 37 and that portion of Unit 50 east of U.S. Highway 93 and that portion of Unit 51 west of the Howe-Goldburg Road.

**Hunt Area 41** — That portion of Unit 41 within the Big Jack Creek drainage, Little Jack and Shoofly drainages and all of Unit 40.

**Hunt Areas 42-1 and 42-2**— All of Unit 42 and that portion of Unit 41 within the East Fork and South Fork of the Owyhee River drainages outside the Duck Valley Indian Reservation boundary.

**Hunt Area 46** — Those portions of Units 41, 46 and 47 within the Bruneau and Jarbidge River drainages upstream from and including Sheep Creek drainage.